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Variety to Spice 'Oblique' Tonight As 'Rilly Big Shew' Makes Debut

By Jill Lieder and guest writer Kathi Calvin

Like *Hamlet*, *Oblique* contains a show within a show, but *Hamlet*, cannot offer the variety, humor, and music of the "Friday Variety" to be presented tonight at 8:00.

Oblique will be filled with surprises. The audiences will hear an overture in the middle of the show, introducing the second act of a Broadway revue. Novelties such as this keynote the evening's entertainment, which includes everything from a modern dance sequence with Tony Holmes and Pitter Pratt to a take-off on Shelley Berman by Ronnie Eisenberg.

Among the musical attractions in "Oblique" are popular numbers sung by Frank Amato, Dave Walker, and Barry Lefkowitz, "Life Upon the Wicked Stage" performed by Beth Fried, and the Chanticleers' renditions of several show tunes.

The lure of the ocean and salt breezes will be recalled by Candy Doyle in a sailor's hornpipe, backed by a seafaring chorus line. Later in the show, the dance team of "Donna and Ted" will swing to Latin-American rhythms.

The entire show was produced, directed, and written by co-chairmen Jill Lieder and David Griffiths, who also conceived the theme. Tickets for *Oblique* and the Open House afterwards cost fifty cents, they will be sold by Social Council representatives, who are sponsoring the "Friday Variety."

Points of Destination

Twice yearly Shaker High School students are given the opportunity to get writer's cramp, when they are required to fill out those infamous ten schedule cards. These cards find their way to the following places:

Textbook Office, Social Director, Director of Activities, Mr. Senft, Honor Study Hall, the Attendance officers, Research Office, Main Office, Mr Morris and Miss Burgess share a school set, and the tenth set is split among the remaining guidance counselors. Of course, the filling out of the ten cards is a sure way for a student to learn his schedule.

Senior Tony Holmes and junior Donna Pratt rehearse a dance routine from tonight's much-heralded extravaganza with a new slant, OBLIQUE.

Old Interests Lead To Three New Clubs

For those exam-exhausted students who once again have free time, three new clubs are offering a variety of activities. They are the Jazz Club, the Ham Radio Club, and the Fine Arts Club.

The aim of the Fine Arts Club, under the sponsorship of James Snavely, is to promote the fine arts, which have been divided into five categories: Drama, Literature, Dance, Music, and Art. Trips to pertinent programs and informal seminars at members' homes are planned. Prospective members may join at any of the monthly meetings by paying the $1.00 dues.

"Some like it hot, some like it cool," and the Jazz Club, sponsored by Miss Yvonne Ellwitz, caters to both tastes. The members meet on the second Tuesday of each month in the Elbow Room to listen to albums and discuss the various aspects of jazz, with professional musicians as speakers. The club hopes to visit any jazz concert which may be performed in Cleveland.

Advised by Bryant Doyle, the Ham Radio Club is still in the process of formation. The members have applied for a novice license, but until operations can begin, they plan to hold classes in theory and code. Anyone interested in joining the club may contact Mr. Doyle.

STATEMENT

Contrary to current scandalous reports, the owners, editors, and publishers of *The Shakerite* wish to make it absolutely clear that this newspaper has NO intentions whatsoever of purchasing the Heights *Black and Gold*.

'Proud Americans' Are Winning Essayists in Legion Contest

By Ellen Bravo

Five Shakerites have written successfully on the subject "Why I am Proud to be an American," the theme of the annual American Legion Essay Contest. About four hundred students from the American History, Modern History, and American Problems classes participated.

The winners from the school were the following students: Linda Blondis, a senior, homeroom B-1; Barry Rich, a senior, homeroom 221; Josey Gressman, a junior, homeroom 117; Louise Cort, a sophomore, homeroom 311; and Bob Rawson, a sophomore, homeroom 103.

The entries of these five have been submitted to the local post, American Legion Post No. 481. The winners of the local contest will enter the state contest, from which twelve students, three from each grade, will be chosen for the all-expense paid trip to Washington, D.C.

Barry Rich also won another honor for Shaker. Last year he participated in the contest sponsored by the National Council of Teachers of English, open to the whole school. The contest consisted of four parts. First the participants had to take an English achievement test. They also had to write a theme on the subject "What Makes a Book Great" without knowing the title beforehand. Each student sent in an example of his work, preferably a term paper, and filled out a questionnaire. Barry, Jonathan Seldin, Don Stern, and Linda Blondis were the entrants from the school.

Barry's entry was then chosen as a state winner. He will receive a certificate, and his name will be listed in a booklet sent to all the colleges.

Fifty-one Seniors Receive Gold Keys At Annual Scholarship Assembly

By Janet Green

Because of their hard work, determination, and skill, many Shaker seniors have earned a Dads' Club Award in the form of a Scholarship Key. In keeping with tradition, Shaker Senior High School awarded keys to 51 seniors at the annual Scholarship Assembly held on February 17.

To receive this high award a Shaker student must have maintained a 4.5 average out of a possible 5.0 for the duration of seven semesters. As the standards everywhere have risen, so have Shaker's, making it quite a task to attain this success. In determining the recipients of these keys, all academic subjects are included with the exception of those courses that were taken for only one semester's credit.

The High School was honored in having Judge Hoover, a very active citizen of the Shaker community, address this very special assembly. Present also was Hallett Foster, President of the Dads' Club, the organization responsible for the entire award. Mr. Foster presented the keys as Principal Russell H. Rupp read the names of these deserving seniors.

Following the assembly a reception was held in the Social Room for the key-winners, their parents and friends. For more than 12 years the Dads' Club has honored scholastically adept seniors for their superior work with these fine keys, which are gold with a red enamel background upon which there is a gold letter "S".

Winners of these highly coveted keys were: Roger Aaron, Ruth Aidlin, Martha Auerbach, Larry Ballonoff, Linda Blondis, Valerie Brown, Kathi Calvin, Stephen Davies, Ronald Eisenberg, Helen Falkenburg, Karen Fishbein, Roselyn Friedman, Lola Ham, Susan Haskell, Gayle Henkin, Maury Hepner, Jean Herzegh, John Hirschmann, Stephen Hrones, Donald Jacob, Richard Johns, Michael Kelley, Raymond King, Roger Klein, Barbara Klopper, Grant Kloppman, Judith Kravitz, Kenneth Lapine, Raymond Leanza, Richard Leukart, Jill Lieder, Winifred Lutz, Marcia Macey, John Nagle, Linda Nocar, Robert Nolan, Stanley Ornstein, Kenneth Perko, Barry Rich, Richard Rivitz, Susan Salay, Charles Savoca, Jonathan Seldin, Jane Shack, Anita Smith, Laura Smith, Willard Stage, Donald Stern, Ann Todd, and Jo Anne Yarus.

Shaker Senior High School has always made a practice of honoring superior students in some way. It is hoped that this present program will be continued in the years to come.

Adult Group Conferences Study 'College Admissions in 1960'

College conferences for a portion of the parents of the present Junior Class were held on February 16 and 17 at 8:00 p.m. in the Social Room of the High School. Similar sessions will take place on February 23 and 24 for the remaining group of parents.

The Parent-Teacher Association and Guidance Services of the school have scheduled these meetings to consider the topic of "College Admissions in 1960." Many of the same topics which are discussed by the juniors in weekly group conference classes are being given attention in the adult sessions. Among these are methods of application, scholarships, entrance examinations, campus visitation, and expenses.

Since entrance requirements and procedures for girls frequently differ from those for boys, the parents of junior girls are attending different conferences from those of boys. The parents have been divided alphabetically so that the groups are of uniform size. Students, themselves, have been requested not to attend the sessions because they will be considering the same subjects in more detail during the semester.

The goal of the P.T.A. is to enable parents to become acquainted with the college situation and to discuss it with their children with mutual understanding. Sessions are being conducted on an informal basis, and a question period has been planned.

Student Aids to Assist Teachers With Pupil Study Problems

Report cards are out, and grades have been recorded, but students with real incentive will have every chance to bring up those low marks with the help of the Student Aid Program.

Steve Hrones, originator of the program, has had assistance from a Student Council Steering Committee in getting the plan put into action. The members of this committee are: Mary Ohmann, Janice Udelf, Andy Krotinger, Marilyn Ganon, Nicki Newby, Jim Ratner, Mary Jane Spencer, and Sue Henckel.

Although the program officially began functioning February 8, applications for student aid are still being accepted. If a student wishes help, he must procure an application blank from any teacher. This blank must be signed by the teacher of the subject in which aid is desired, and the slip is to be returned to the L. R. Thrailkill Room (231). Within two days, the form will be returned to the student with instructions as to where and when the aid is to be given.

It is very important to note that this program is only to be a supplement to the aid the individual teachers have been giving.

Students Prove Money Interest

Five new members of the Student Council Executive Board will be chosen on the basis of a civil service examination prepared by K. R. Caldwell for prospective student treasurers. There are six candidates for the five posts which are open only to members of the Junior Class.

After having preparatory classes instructed by the present treasurers, these six, Doug Auerbach, Carolyn Duppstadt, Sue Getzendanner, Beth Glassman, Carl Mintz, and Jeff Rehm, will take the examination on February 18. The exam is a type of civil service exam which was written by Mr. Caldwell and is not the standard civil service test.

The jobs which will be divided among the five will be those of business manager, two co-treasurers in charge of such things as the journal, and two athletic treasurers who take care of all ticket sales. Those now holding these positions are respectively, Richard Rivitz, Loren Grobsmith, Judy Kravitz, John Hirschmann, and David Neustadt.

Friendly School Custodial Staff Is Making Clean Sweep of Job

By Jon Goldman

When Charles Dubbs, head custodian of the High School, was asked how the students took care of their school he replied, "Shaker students are very neat," and remarked that he and the other custodians are very proud of the school and hope that the students are too.

However, it is really Mr. Dubbs and his fine staff of twenty men and one woman working around-the-clock who are responsible for the well run and clean school that is enjoyed by all Shakerites. The custodians work in three shifts, 7:00 A.M. to 3:30 P.M., 3:00 P.M. to 11:00 P.M., and 11:00 P.M. to 7:00 A.M. Most of the custodians work in the first two shifts. During this time floors are cleaned, general repairing is done, and the outside grounds are cared for.

Shepard Perry is responsible for keeping the boiler going and two other men run the laundry where the towels and bathing suits are cleaned. Bill Allen is in charge of the 3:00 P.M. to 11:00 P.M. shift.

The staff changes around quite a bit, and the men working here have either been here a long time or a short time. Some have been here longer than Mr. Dubbs, himself. Hubert May started in 1931 and Horace Gunn in 1929. Mr. Dubbs, who is married and has two children, began at Shaker in 1937.

According to Mr. Dubbs, the operation of Shaker is very smooth. "We have a good operation, and try to keep it that way," said Mr. Dubbs. But be assured that without Mr. Dubbs and his hard working staff carrying on the physical management of our school each day, Shakerites would not be enjoying the well run facilities that they do.

Cleaning up are custodians Leroy Brown and Bill Allen.

Shaker High School Grows . . . And Grows . . . And Grows . . .

By Stuart Friedman

It was September, 1913. Freshman Beatrice Wall entered the year-old Shaker Heights School to begin her high school days. But that year there were no school dances, no football games, and no final exams, for Beatrice Wall was the only student in the Shaker Heights High School. It was just a year ago that the newly-elected school board opened its first school in the Van Sweringen real estate office at Shaker Boulevard and Lee Road. There had been only 26 pupils that first year, and four teachers to teach the first eight grades of school.

Now there was a high school in Shaker Heights, even if it did have only one student. What did it matter if she had to be placed in the same class with seventh and eighth graders? She still was in high school, wasn't she?

By 1914 Shaker Heights High School had 11 students, so the school board decided it was about time to hire a teacher for them. So it was that Bertha L. Johnson became the first high school teacher at Shaker. It was also in 1914 that the school moved to the newly-opened Boulevard School.

The 1917 graduating class was quite small—the only graduate was Miss Wall. The school grew rapidly, however, and it now graduates more than 500 students each year.

In the fall of 1918, all boys were required to take military training because of the "Great War," as it was called then. After the end of World War I, however, military training was cancelled, and German, which had been dropped from the curriculum during the war, was resumed.

The year 1919 found Shaker Heights High School moving into its new building in what is now Woodbury Junior High. This building was to serve until 1931, when the present Senior High School was built.

During the Twenties, Shaker's biggest hero was coach Gerald Ensign, who led the Red Raiders on to victory after victory, and when by some chance they lost, always managed to dull the pain of losing.

The first school newspaper appeared in 1920, and was called, by some odd chance, Zip. This was soon superceded by the *Shakerite*. The natural step to take after establishing a newspaper was to start a school annual. This was done in 1922, when the first issue of the *Greenback* appeared. Due to changing times the name of the annual was changed in 1927 to the *Gristmill*, and it has remained the *Gristmill* ever since.

Palefaces Pose Problems

Two days ago an anonymous letter was received from the powerful Indian chief, Simon Looking Elk. Simon was highly disturbed over the rash of anti-Indian songs being popularized today, chief of which being that bigoted anthem RUNNING BEAR AND LITTLE WHITE DOVE. It is Simon's opinion that this whole mess is the work of that unwanted alien group, the palefaces. Since RUNNING BEAR has gained nationwide popularity, the Indians have made a gentleman's agreement not to sell any pueblos to palefaces. In some Indian communities the whites have been forced to live in segregated teepees, called ghettos, or palefaces of settlement. In a recent decision, the Supreme Court decided all segregation in the schools was illegal—heretofore the Supreme Court had said the palefaces were "separate but equal." Certain small-minded Indians have been heard to suggest this solution to the paleface problem: "Send 'em back to Europe." In the Wigwam National Library, the head librarian flatly refused to display a child's primer which contained a story about a red bunny and a white one. Some of the palefaces have begun an Exodus to a mythical Promised Land, sort of the paleface's ancestral home. Says Simon: "If you think the Italians are getting bad publicity on television, just try watching a couple of westerns." At any rate all palefaces are warned to stay indoors tomorrow, as it is the anniversary of Custer's Last Stand, and there may be some anti-white pogroms.

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By the Kongruent Kids

What is the visitor's first impression of Shaker? The boosters, or at least their white chairs. These omnipotent guardians of our halls usually seem to be on long and distant errands, searching out Truth or Mr. Morris.

But first glances are, after all, superficial. Our fungus-covered walls house a great deal more than ever meets the eye — from our lowly basement tunnels and the foul-smelling locker rooms to our lofty foul-smelling science rooms we're just chock full o' nuts. In the rambling course of the issues that follow, we shall attempt to uncover some of the hidden secrets of our more obscure classrooms, to explore the musty corners, and to pry open the innermost recesses in our search for knowledge, truth, and gossip.

A sufficient amount of time has now elapsed, so that we may mention square dancing without incurring the wrath of the physical culturists or inviting any reprisals from the sundry and divers athletic directors. In commemoration of this abomination we proudly present—

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Swing her well
On carousel
Of entwined elbows.
Only Hell (we blush) knows
Stronger passion
Than the West.

Much of the typical Shakerite's copious spare time is spent in the pursuit of Knowledge at the beloved Shaker Public Library. Here, in an aura of cultural majesty and splendor, no sooner has the student sunk blissfully into *Main Currents in American Thought*, than a voice from the surrounding oblivion calls him back to harsh and uncompromising reality. Shouting, "There's a pleasant study hall downstairs for you young people," one of the numerous sibilant sibyls of the library staff points a charming finger downstairs. Following the treacherous path laid out for him by this denizen of the bookshelves, he cautiously descends into what appears to be the bowels of the earth.

Approaching the study hall, the student is extremely conscious of which door to enter. Having safely arrived at the pre-ordained destination, he realizes that his worst fears have not come true. The human mind is not capable of comprehending the horrors of subterranean study. The feared plethoral quiet has been replaced by the piercing screams of a million junior high CHILDREN. Soon recognizing that quantitative and qualitative work in such an unholy atmosphere is well-nigh impossible, the poor bewildered student subtly asks the proctor (usually a teacher on a busman's holiday) for a pair of "wind-tunnel earmuffs."

Supervised silence achieved, he proceeds to re-establish himself. Vainly searching for Volume 19 of the Encyclopedia Britannica, the student is placed on a waiting list whose length would humble Leviathan.

But the worst is yet to come. The overtaxed student can find nothing to write on but new, smooth-topped tables. Feh. After working for twelve arduous years on battle-scarred and monogrammed desks, he finds it difficult to leave the security of the same old ruts.

With no reference books available, there is nothing left to do but THINK. So he thinks . . . and thinks . . . and thinks . . . "My, what an interesting ceiling." . . . "Why, there must be at least 38 hot water pipes up there." . . . "Darn the librarian." . . . "Oh darn darn darn darn darn."

Being unable to contain himself a moment longer, he makes a hasty and noisy retreat from this ill-ventilated place. Having saved a modicum of his sanity, he bounces away muttering, "Ave atque vale."

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Rushing anxiously to group counseling through the basement corridors, who should we chance to meet arising from the slime but Jean Valjean! The poor boy does not know about the iron bars and the strict administration.

DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE

Their feet they dangled in the mud
Instead of eating wholesome lunch
And when a rock dropped from the bank
Their numerous pettitoes went "SCRUNCH."

DRATTED CONVOLUTIONS OF MY BRAIN;
ALL THE FACTS IN WHICH I ONCE WAS RAPT
FOREVER FLEE, AND TRICKLE DOWN MY SPINAL DRAIN;
O WOULD THAT I, WHILE BEING QUIZZED, COULD HAVE A SPINAL TAP.

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Karamu Rises Above Verbal Morality; Practices Tolerance Others Preach

By Alice Levenson

In the face of social stresses at home and abroad, the need for intergroup understanding is great. So great, in fact, that many individuals have taken it upon themselves to promote brotherhood and human understanding. Two such people are Rowena and Russell Jelliffe, founders and directors of Karamu House in Cleveland.

In 1915 the Jelliffes moved into a rear cottage on East 37th Street, a crowded area of foreign-born and Negro families. Backed by Oberlin degrees, graduate study and community work in Chicago, they started a program which provided recreation and playground activities. Social clubs were formed on such things as cooking, basketball, drawing, and debating. These later developed into a Dramatic Club, and then into Karamu Theatre and Karamu House with its library, art studio, and children's rooms as well as its two theatres.

Arts and crafts is another major part of Karamu. In the Bakari (Swahili for market place) artists have a sales outlet for their wares. One may leave Karamu displaying beautiful enameled earrings, or carrying an expertly fashioned ashtray, for a price. But even the prices at Karamu are attractive.

In the Swahili language Karamu means "center of the community" or "a place of feasting and enjoyment" — an area in the village where people meet, discuss, and conduct community business, and hold ceremonial festivals. In the language of Karamu, too, it is a place where people meet, work together, talk together, eat together, and by getting to know one another and contributing ideas and opinions, gain a mutual respect and comprehension that makes for a richer, more purposeful life.

Burton E. Randall, Junior and Senior Honors English teacher, flashes a satisfied smile after a resounding "Bah!"

Cranberry Connoisseur Earns A Special Citation . . .Bah!

By June Adler

Among the members of Shaker's distinguished faculty there is one individual who is not known by the students in general. Therefore, it is the intention of the *Shakerite* to present to the school a brief but accurate character sketch of this unusual personality so that more persons may become acquainted with his rare charm.

The darling of his junior and senior advanced placement English courses, the pride of his sophomore homeroom, and the scourge of his second period junior English class, Burton Randall controls his emotions with an iron will. Few are able to boast such a calm countenance and collected manner, although it must be acknowledged that the above mentioned illusion is sometimes shattered by an exclamation of disapproval characterized by a vehement "BAH!"

The senior honors class, having been showered with an unusually great number of BAH'S returned the compliment in the form of a rubber stamp which will print "BAH!" in any desired location. Other gifts from the senior group include a year's subscription to *Mad Magazine* and a fly swatter for liquidating annoying insects. The gift which had the greatest sentimental value, however, was the bag of cranberries, given with only the faintest hope that its contents might be poisonous.

The junior honors class, while less demonstrative of its affection, is not less original. Three of its most outspoken members have started a class newspaper, by which every student is informed of the latest class gossip.

Sad to say, his regular junior English class has nothing to show for its undying devotion to its instructor but continuous hard work. Perhaps this is because it has been under his strange influence for only one semester.

In return for this ardent loyalty, Mr. Randall delivers numerous lectures, in addition to leading scintillating discussions in class.

Even so, much knowledge is gained, and there exists a general atmosphere of intellectual curiosity combined with humor.

Literature Gains New Appeal As Student Journals Appear

By Hank Kronenberg

Among the new activities at Shaker this year have been the publications of a literary journal and a mathematics gazette by advanced placement students. Juniors Lynn Selker, Pam Silverman, and Joel Stein have published three issues of the *Fortnightly Blather*, a satirical English periodical. Sophomores Bill Ginsberg and Hank Kronenberg have put out two issues of the *Mathematical Student's Gazette*, a newspaper designed for Algebra II students.

Selker, Silverman, and Stein, who call themselves the Kongruent Kids (S. S. S.), poke fun at everything, especially their advanced placement classics, studied under Burton Randall.

Although the *Mathematical Students' Gazette* has a humorous element, it primarily tries to make mathematics more interesting and easier. To accomplish this, Bill and Hank print puzzles and sample exams to help students.

Sold at ten cents a copy, the *Mathematical Students' Gazette* has been bought by approximately 150 students each issue. Last year it was published at Byron Junior High. The *Cleveland Plain Dealer* has written a feature concerning it. The *Gazette* is mimeographed, while carbon copies are made of the *Blather*.

Fred Holzhauser, Advanced Placement Mathematics instructor, commented concerning these publications, "These newspapers show originality and are an asset to our school."

Mr. Randall comments of the *Blather*, "It is a fine example of Advance Placement at the first-grade level."

Outstanding Alumni Win College Honors

Two Shaker alumni, Mary Bingham, of Mt. Holyoke College, and William J. Benson, of Colgate University, have recently attained high honors for outstanding achievements at their respective schools.

Miss Bingham, a mathematics major, is one of 58 seniors who have been selected to do special work in their major field. In order to be chosen, a student must maintain high academic standards and show originality and scholarship. In 1959 Miss Bingham received the Class of 1937 Mathematics Prize.

The 1959-60 edition of "Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities," a directory listing outstanding students, will include the name of William J. Benson. A 1956 graduate of Shaker, Benson received a nomination for the honor through the Student Senate and was elected by a committee headed by the college dean.

Poison to Pay Off as Students Offer 'Arsenic and Old Lace'

The face of comedy can crack a smile, but can never laugh. But were this face to see a performance of "Arsenic and Old Lace," the rule which governs an inanimate object would surely be broken.

"Arsenic and Old Lace," staged by Kelly Danford, with technical direction by Dale Kittle, is to be presented on the Shaker stage at 8:30 p.m. on May 20 and 21. This Broadway hit is concerned with the actions of two elderly female residents of Brooklyn who are, in all respects but one, quite average. Their peculiarity is murder with a twist. To classify their efforts, they kill old men simply because they feel they are doing them a favor by releasing them from a miserable life of old age.

These two women, played by Carol Frolkis and Sue Wertheim, have two rather dissimilar nephews: Mortimer, portrayed by Don Stern, and Jonathan, played by Mike Ufford. Mortimer seems to be the only sane character in the family. The second nephew is a maniac who is sought by the police for twelve murders in various countries of the world.

The play is further peppered by the characters of Elaine, played by Judy Lowry, and Teddy, acted by Harvey Laidman. Elaine is the fiancee of Mortimer, and Teddy is a character who lives under the delusion that he is Teddy Roosevelt.

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Swimmers Upset Rangers to Regain L.E.L. Title

Mermen Down Berea Tankers; Drop Dual Meet to Lakwood

By Andy Krotinger

The Raider swimming team played host to Lakewood and Berea during the week of February 1-5 and swam their way to a victory over Berea and a loss to rival Lakewood. The two meets saw the breaking of numerous records, among them the national scholastic record in the 100-yard breaststroke.

Eager to avenge an earlier defeat at the hands of Lakewood, the Raiders started off with a splash as Tom Stevens won the 40-yard freestyle event. In the 100-yard butterfly, Tom West lost a heartbreaker to the Rangers' Smith, as he was edged out in the final 20 yards. The Shaker aquamen met with great difficulty in the grueling 200-yard freestyle, and took a third place, that by Mike Frolkis. Shaker's Woodruff and Bell, usually a one-two punch in the backstroke, fell to a two-three behind Lakewood's Bartlett, and the 100-yard breast saw the Rangers' Bill Edwards break the national record of 1:06.4 with a speedy 1:05.9.

Rangers Spurt Ahead

Lakewood followed with a first in the 100-yard freestyle to give them a comfortable 31-23 lead, and then won the diving event. Record - setting Bill Edwards clipped the pool record of 1:53.8 for the individual medley with a posted time of 1:47 flat. Shaker came back with victories in both relay events, and the 160-yard medley team of Woodruff, Waldo, Stevens, and Marshall set a new school and pool record of 1:25.7. The final score was a close 46-40.

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The Raiders garnered a quick 8 points against visiting Berea as Stevens and Mullen snagged a first and second in the 40-yard freestyle. Norton of Berea broke Mark Perry's record of 102.1 in the 100-yard butterfly and posted his own time of 60.1 on the record board. Mike Frolkis rallied to take a second to Berea's Chrysler in the 200-yard free, and Woodruff and Bell came back with a one-two in the backstroke.

Bob Waldo broke his own school record of 109.6 as he finished the 100-yard breast in 108.8. Jim Marshall and Carl Weaver brought 8 points home to the mermen from the 100-yard free, and Brad Laycock and Art Newman finished second and third respectively in the diving. Doug Bell established a new 160-yard individual medley record, being clocked in 1:53.1.

Relays Come Through

Woodruff, Smith, Waldo, and Weaver took the 160-yard individual relay, followed by a record-setting win in the 160-yard freestyle relay. Stevens, Mullen, Brown and Marshall were the record setters, clipping the old record of 1:16.1 by .5 seconds. The final tally showed that the Berea tankmen had been dunked, 65-21.

Depth Pays Off For Raiders; Win L.E.L.

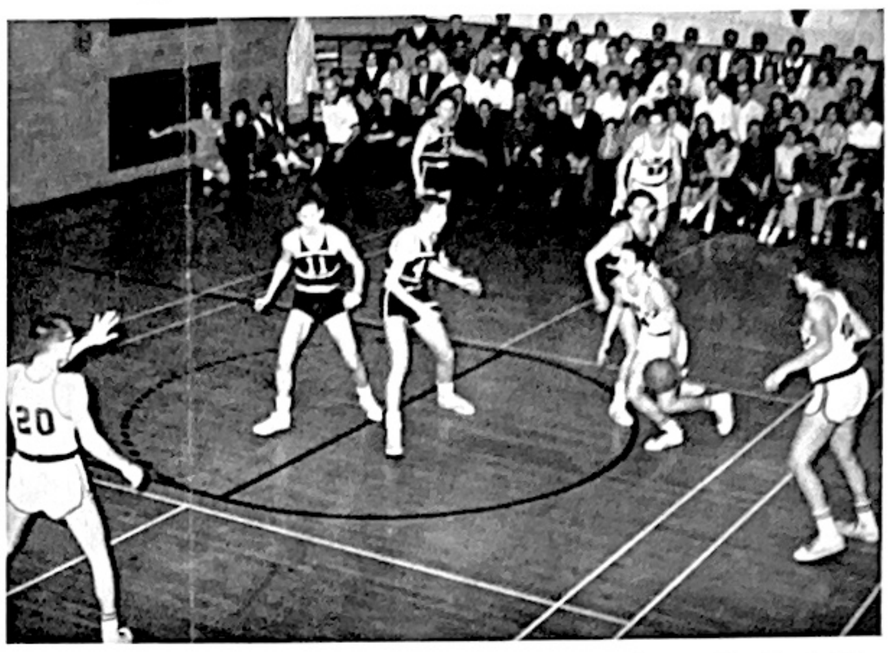
By Andy Krotinger

Going into the L. E. L. meet, Lakewood was favored to take an easy first place, but Shaker's depth paid off as the mermen edged the Rangers to take the L.E.L. swimming crown.

The preliminaries saw Tom West take a third in the 100-yard free and Tom Stevens a first in the 50-yard free. Later Tom West came up to score a tremendous victory in his event, taking a second place in the finals. Tom Stevens lost a close one in the 40-yard free but Jim Schultz, who never swam the 100-back this year, took an amazing second place in that event. Brad Laycock lost by a few points to Lakewood's Cody, but, nevertheless got a coveted third place.

The Raider Medley took a second —the Victors being Schultz, Waldo, Stevens, and Weaver. Going into the final event, the freestyle relay, Shaker held a one-point edge over Lakewood and needed only to beat the Rangers to cinch a "crown." Needless to say, Brown, Mullen, Frolkis, and Marshall came through.

Double winners in the meet were Landgraff of Heights and Edwards of Lakewood. In nine out of the ten events, records were shattered, but the diving record remained. Four places in the backstroke were taken by Shaker boys, and the Raiders also placed three in the 100-yard breast and 100-yard free.



Mike Marino sets up a play as Tom Stone eagerly awaits the ball. Shaker went on the beat their rivals, Heights, 54-41.

Red Raider Five Avenge Loss By Mauling Heights Tigers

By Sam Schnall

Scoring 16 points to Heights' 4 in the last quarter, the Red Raider basketball squad avenged a previous loss by beating the Tigers, 54-41, amid the cheering of a partisan crowd on Shaker's home court, Friday, February 5.

Tom Stone's driving lay-up shots and Rick Oviatt's shooting and rebounding overcame a two-point halftime deficit for the Raiders. Stone had 20 points for the Raiders, while Dick Peltz netted 16 to lead the scoring for Heights. Stick Oviatt scored 19 and also dominated the backboards.

Early Quarters Close

It was nip and tuck throughout the first three quarters. The Tigers jumped off to a quick lead, but Shaker soon overcame this, and led at the close of the first period, 12-9. They did not stay ahead long, though. The Tigers pulled up with some accurate shooting and grabbed the lead. They held a two point edge, 30-28, when the half ended.

The third period saw Heights again relinquish their lead. They stayed close, however, and when the fourth quarter began, the score was Shaker 38, Heights 37. Then the roof caved in on the Tigers. Stone drove in time and again, either making the shot or drawing a foul, or both. Heights was unable to cope with both him and Oviatt, and the final count was 54-41, favor of Shaker.

During the week previous to the meeting with Heights, Coach Fred Heinlen apparently drilled his team on getting past a full-court press. The Tigers employed a press, but this strategy, which was Shaker's undoing at Lakewood, proved ineffective for the most part. In overcoming Heights, the Raiders pulled their record to 6-6, and they still hope to make this basketball season a winning one.

Bedford Edges Heinlenmen

A jump shot with 25 seconds left gave host Bedford a 45-43 independent basketball victory over Shaker on the night after the Heights' game. Braskey was high with 12 for the Bedford quintet and the "Stoneless" Heinlenmen were sparked by Mike Marino's 17 points.

Wrestlers Trample Over Tigers, 20-15

The Shaker Heights wrestling team stormed into second place in the Lake Erie League with a convincing 20-15 victory over rival Cleveland Heights.

This match on February 5, at Heights was a toss up until the very end. **Ed Clark** defeated Steve Ring of Heights in the final heavyweigth match to give Shaker the victory. Wrestling at 112 pounds, **Mike Schneiberg** of Shaker extended his winning streak to nine by decisioning his opponent. Captain **Larry Janis** won for Shaker as did **Errol Cohen** in the 145 lb. class. **Ken Korach** pinned his opponent, and **Ken Hegyes** decisioned to give the Raiders two more individual victories. **Dick Gref,** outweighed by twenty pounds, put up a fight to the end before his eventual defeat. Jeff Berger, Ricky Brown, Les Janis, and Bill Boukalik dropped matches to the Tigers.

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The final buzzer sounds; Shaker happens to be behind at the moment (there have been nine of these moments so far); and the inevitable barrage of questions and comments as to what's wrong with the team follows. The fact that the Raiders always lose by so little and so often remains a source of amazement and frustration to many fans. Their inconsistency in almost beating one of the top-ranked teams in the state and then dropping games to Euclid and Bedford adds still more to the problem. Perhaps, however, the solution to this problem is much more simple than the generalities would tend to make it appear.

Whether Shaker plays Lakewood or Beachwood the result is always going to be close. There are two ways of piling up a big lead—offensive rebounds and fast breaks. As the cagers can make use of neither of these methods and are basically a slow team, the slowed-down offense must be their basic weapon. The idea of this type of game is to allow the opposing team to have the ball as few times as possible on offense—hence the low scores. Rather than merely stalling, it requires precision-like passing and deadly shooting to be effective. (The Cagers have frequently been erratic in both).

In order to bottle up this offense many teams are shifting from a zone to a man for man defense when they encounter Shaker. Working the ball in is accordingly much more difficult.

No Answer for Inconsistencies

As for pinpointing the reason why Shaker wins or loses, it is impossible. The game must necessarily be close and although that Shaker school spirit at home must certainly be inspiring, whether the Raiders win by two or lose by two points is pretty much contigent upon the buzzer going at the right time. Shooting percentages and rebounding totals cannot satisfactorily explain victory or defeat in as tight a ball game as the Raiders are forced to play this year.

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